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SUBJECT: CSCE - SEPTEMBER 3-5 MEETING OF EC CSCE SUBCOMMITTEE

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

SUMMARY. DANISH REP ADVISED SENIOR POLADS SEPTEMBER 6 THAT MAJOR SUBJECTS DISCUSSED AT SEPTEMBER 3-5 MEETING OF EC CSCE SUBCOMMITTEE IN COPENHAGEN WERE: -) DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, INCLUDING FRENCH DRAFT TEXT AND TACTICS; B) HANDLING OF DRAFT TEXTS FOR AGENDA ITEM THREE; AND C) FREQUENCY OF MEETING DURING SECOND STAGE. END SUMMARY.

1. PRINCIPLES. ALTHOUGH DANISH REP LEFT THIS POINT SOMEWHAT VAGUE, HE IMPLIED THAT WHILE EC-9 AGREED IN PRINCIPLE ON USE OF FRENCH TEXT, THERE CONTINUED TO BE SPECIFIC POINTS OF DISAGREEMENT ON TEXT ITSELF. THIS FACT ALSO CAME THROUGH DURING SUBSEQUENT SENIOR POLADS DISCUSSION OF FRENCH TEXT (SEE SEPTTEL). AS TO TACTICS, DANISH REP SAID EC-9 AGREED THAT FRENCH TEXT SHOULD BE PRESENTED EARLY DURING WORK OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON PRINCIPLES BUT AFTER VARIOUS NATIONAL DELEGATIONS HAD HAD OPPORTUNITY TO CONFIDENTIAL

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PRESENT THEIR "EXPLANATORY" PAPERS ON INDIVIDUAL PRINCIPLES.

2. AGENDA ITEM THREE TEXTS. DANISH REP ADVISED THAT EC-9 APPROVED 23 OF 24 DRAFT TEXTS SUBMITTED BY NATIONAL DELE-

GATIONS ON AGENDA ITEM THREE ISSUES. EXCEPTION TO RULE WAS FRG PAPER ON SCIENTIFIC FORUM, WHICH HE SAID WAS BEING REDRAFTED IN BONN AND WOULD BE DISCUSSED SUBSEQUENTLY (PRESUMABLY IN GENEVA). AS TO TACTICS FOR AGENDA ITEM THREE DISCUSSIONS IN GENEVA, DANISH REP SAID EC-99 HAD AGREED THAT DRAFT FINAL DOCUMENTS (23 OR 24, PAPERS MENTIONED ABOVE) WOULD BE PRESENTED IN APPROPRIATE SUBCOMMITTEES EARLY IN SECOND STAGE BUT NOT ALL AT ONCE. HE SUGGESTED THAT PROCESS OF PRESENTING THESE TEXTS MIGHT BE SPREAD OUT OVER A WEEK OF MORE. DANISH REP NOTED THAT EC-9 MEMBERS BELIEVE WIDE VARIETY OF DRAFT TEXTS TO BE PRESENTED IN GENEVA KEEPS OPEN POSSIBILITY OF CONCLUDING VARIOUS TYPES OF AGREEMENTS, RANGING FROM DECLARATIONS TO CONVENTIONS, ON AGENDA ITEM THREE ISSUES.

3. PROGRAM OF MEETINGS. DANISH REP ADVISED THAT EC-9 AGREED THAT SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AGREED FOR PERIOD SEPTEMBER 18-OCTOBER 1 WAS UNSATISFACTORY AND THAT REVISED SCHEDULE SHOULD BE SOUGHT FOR POST-OCTOBER 1 PERIOD. EC-9 MEMBERS BELIEVE AGREEMENT SHOULD BE REACHED ON SCHEDULE INVOLVING NOT MORE THAN: A) FOUR SIMULTANEOUS MEETINGS; B) EIGHT MEETINGS PER DAY; AND C) FORTY MEETINGS PER WEEK. ABOVE FIGURES ARE MAXIMUM WHICH EC-9 MEMBERS CAN ACCEPT, HE SAID, AND HE ADDED THAT EC-9 DELEGATIONS WOULD WORK IN PRACTICE FOR SOMEWHAT LESS HECTIC SCHEDULE. DANISH REP SAID EC-9 SUSPECTED THAT SOVIET TACTIC IN PRESSING FOR EXCESSIVE NUMBER OF MEETINGS WAS BASED IN PART ON DESIRE INTERFERE WITH ALLIED CONSULTATIONS IN GENEVA. (COMMENT: THIS ANALYSIS BASED ON FACT THAT SOVIETS WILL NEED MUCH LESS TIME TO COORDINATE WARSAW PACT POSITIONS THAN NATO AND EC MEMBERS WILL NEED. END COMMENT.) CANADIAN AND NORWEGIAN REPS NOTED THAT THEIR AUTHORITIES WERE IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH EC-9'S POSITION ON SCHEDULING QUESTIONS. RUMSFELD.

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